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1. CONSULATE POLITICAL ASSISTANT REPORTS FROM THAK PAI VILLAGE
IN NARATHIWAT PROVINCE THAT THE THREE CAMBODIAN VESSELS, TWO
FRIGATES AND ONE LCVP, ARE ANCHORED AT SEA STRADDLING THE
THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER. NUMEROUS LOCAL CRAFT HAVE TURNED THE
AREA INTO A FLOATING MARKET, SELLING GOODS AND PURCHASING PISTOLS.

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2. LOCAL THAI OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT THE FLOTILLA INTENDED A MALAYSIAN DESTINATION, HENCE THE PRESENCE OF CAMBODIAN MUSLIMS. IF THE MALAYSIANS WON'T ALLOW THEM TO LAND, THE THAI SAY THE CAMBODIANS HOPE TO GO TO INDONESIA. THERE ARE NO CAMBODIANS FROM THESE SHIPS ON THAI STIL ALTHOUGH THAI SUPPLYING SOME PROVISIONS.

3. LOCAL THAI AND MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAVE FORMED A JOINT COMMITTEE TO POLICE THE FLOTILLA. MARINE POLICE FROM BOTH COUNTRIES ARE APPARENTLY COOPERATING TO THIS END.

4. MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS DISARMED THE CAMBODIANS UPON ARRIVAL, EXCEPT FOR SIDE ARMS APPARENTLY.

5. APPREHEND BANGKOK CONTINUING TO KEEP SONGKHLA INFORMED OF OTHER TRAFFIC ON THIS SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY STATE 092861 AND 093158. REUTHER MASTERS

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